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By order of the Board of Education

R. ARMSTRONG,

President Board of Education.

Waikahalulu Lots!

THE UNDERSIGNED BEGS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC I that the terms on which these Lots can now be purchased or leased, have been so far modified that under certain restrictions and regulations, any description of Building may be erected thereon. It being the desire and object of His Majesty's Gov-ernment to have the said Lots occupied as quickly as possible, every facility will be granted to intending occupiers, and by consulting with the undersigned they will find that their views will be met in every respect, as far as consistent with the public Ten of said Lots having been now engaged, only a few of the choice situations remain to be disposed of, so that an early ap-

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THOMAS W. EVERETT, Administrators.

A LL PERSONS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE privilege of gathering Pulu, Fungus and Arrowroot on all the Government lands on the Island of Hawaii (with the exception of those lands which may be sold or leased during the contimustion of this privilege), has been this day granted to Mr.
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THE DISPENSARY ATTACHED TO THE QUEEN'S I Hospital, on King street, will be open every day from 74 until 9 A. M., for the dispensing of medicines to sick and indigent Hawaiians, under the direction of Dr. Wm Hillebrand. J. W. AUSTIN, Per order.

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THE UNDERSIGNED hereby gives notice that THE UNDERSIGNATION TO THE WILL NOT THE WILL NOT THE WORLD THE WORL Honolulu, Jan. 12, 1860. [37-1y]

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The Polynesian.

[From the Boston Commercial Bulletin.]

Watch-and-Watch. Shipmasters when on shore frequently converse about their system of discipline at sea, the character of their crews, and the outfits of their ships by the owners. It is not unusual to hear some of the smart ones say-" We never give watch-andwatch, blow high or blow low, except on Sundaywe can always find something for the sailors to do to keep the devil out of their minds and the scurvy out of their bones." This, they think, sounds "smart," and shows them to be ever on the alert; but they do not reflect that such a system carried out, often loses a suit of sails, sometimes spars,

and not unfrequently ships with all on board. Sailors know as well as captains when a ship is put to rights, and then if they do not receive watchand-watch they naturally adopt the conclusion that they are to be humbugged out of their rest. Ninetenths of all the work is undoing what has been well done before, or in working up junk into spunyarn, which will probably be sold in port the first opportunity. Seizings and serving that would last for years, are often taken off and new put in their places, not because the change was necessary, but for the purpose of keeping the men employed. Sailors know this, and by way of revenge frequent-ly dig the points of their marlinspikes into the rigging under the seizings or service, thereby seriously injuring it, because these openings not only cut the yarns, but receive and retain water, which in time produces rot. Enter a loft on shore, where an old gang of rigging is being refitted, and there the effects of marlinspikes and knives will be readily detected. Keeping all hands on deck works the sailors up, and gratifies the malignant feelings

After men have been humbugged out of their rest all day, it is not likely they will move very quickly at night, either to make or take in sail. If a squall strike the ship, the captain may hallon in vain for the men to bear a hand-they will not move an inch faster, even to save the ship from destruction. The very fear of the captain is often to them a source of satisfaction. "Let the masts go over the side," we have often heard men say, "then we shall have something useful to do-anything is better than humbugging." There are ration is in diamonds, suspended by a deep crimson many well known cases, where seamen have moved so slowly to shorten sail, that vessels have been dismasted.

But the common sailors are not the only sufferers; the mates have to endure more, because they are the drivers-they must be ever on the alert to keep the men on the move. Mates are but men. and require rest to enable them to discharge their duties. If kept on their feet all day, they cannot keep a good lookout at night-they will snooze even if, like a horse, they do it standing up. With a worn out crew and officers on deck at night, what can be expected of them but listlessness, if not sleep? Even the man at the wheel can hardly keep his eyes open, and the lookout forward, if not watched, will be in the same condition, while the captain, the cause of all this neglect of duty, takes

Suppose a ship springs a leak, where this fiendish system is carried out, the men will avail themselves of the first opportunity to abandon her. Many a ship, we have no doubt, has been abandoned by her crew out of sheer revenge to the captain. How is it that sails and running rigging are often found cut at the end of a voyage! Let the gentlemen who never give watch-and-watch answer.

But there is another important consideration so far as the owners are concerned, involved in keeping all hands on deck all day, that may not be generally known by the superficial. We allude to the amount of provisions consumed. It is well known that the more men work the more they will eat. A crew kept on deck all day will consume fifty per cent, more provisions than one which has watch-and-watch. This any shipowner can test by his own experience. If actively employed in the open air for ceveral days in succession, he will soon discover that he will require more food to sustain him than if he were regularly at work, with fair seasons of repose. This fact is always acted on in whalers. The men have watch-and-watch, and consequently consume little food: but when busy among whales, they receive extra allowance, to en-

able them to perform extra work. Shipowners discontinued the use of rum on board their vessels-first, from moral considerations, we suppose, but afterwards from reasons of economy. It was a large item saved in a ship's stores. Now, if they wish to save another large item, and, at the same time, be humane to their se men, let them compel their captains to give their officers and men watch-and-watch whenever the duty of the ship

will permit. Some time since we saw a long account of a bully who was at issue with his crew on this very point. His fiendish nature delighted in tormenting them by depriving them of their rest-that is, he would not give them watch-and-watch, and the consequence was mutiny. He triumphed, and some of his friends made a great spread of it in the newspapers, telling how he precented his pistols, and all such trash, because it was his pleasure to rob poor men of their rest. But this same tyrant may yet live to learn that humanity and fair dealing are better calculated to win the efficient services of ceamen than pistols. He has been quite successful thus far, though an infamous bully, and may be so to the end of the chapter, still his example is unworthy of imitation.

Oldest Tree in the World.

The planting of the Jaya Sri Maha Bodin Wohanse, "the victorious, illustrious, supreme Lord, the sacred Bo-tree," forms the grandest episode in the sacred annals of Ceylon. The Bo-tree of Anarajapoora is, in all probability, the oldest historical tree in the world. It was planted 288 years before Christ, and hence it is now 2147 years old. Ages varying from one to five thousand years have been assigned to the baobabs of Senegal, the eucalyptus of Tasmania, the dragon-tree of Orotava, and the chestnut of Mount Etna. But all these estimates are matters of conjecture, and such calculations, however ingenious, must be purely inferential; whereas the age of the Bo-tree is matter of was eleven inches deep, measuring through from record, its conservancy has been an object of solicitude to successive dynasties, and the story of its from the head, and its thickness laterally, was vicissitudes has been preserved in a series of continuous chronicles amongst the most authentic that have been handed down by mankind. Compared with it, the oak of Ellerslie is but a sapling, and the conqueror's oak in Windsor Forest barely numbers half its years. The yew trees of Fountains Abbey are believed to have flourished there twelve hundred years ago; the olives in the Garden of Gethsemene were full grown when the Saracens were expelled from Jerusalem; and the cypress of Soma, in Lombardy, is said to have been a tree in the time of Julias Carar, yet the Bo-tree is older than the oldest of these by a century; and it would almost seem to verify the prophecy pronounced when it was planted, that it "would flourish and which this extraordinary tree has been invested in the imagination of the Budhists may be compared to the feeling of veneration with which Christians A LL PERSONS indebted to Henry Sen, Esq. would regard the attested wood of the cross.-[Sir Emerson Tempent's "Ceylon." W. SUMNER. | Emerson Tennent's "Ceylon."

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The Orders of Knighthood.

There are in Europe one hundred and twenty-four orders of knighthood, three in Brazil, two in Turkey, and one in Persia. Many countries have crosses of an inferior order for special designs, besides a great number of medals which are usually suspended from the button-hole by the wearer with a ribbon appropriate to the particular grade. Of the latter, those which the Emperor of Russia bestows on some merchants are very valuable; for, having received one, the next re-ceived is adorned with the initials of the Emperor in diamonds. Prussia has six orders of knighthood and twelve secondary crosses. The Grand Duchy of Baden, three of the former and two of the latter; Saxony three orders of knighthood Russia, ten; Denmark, two; Sweden, five; Wurtemburg, three; Bavaria, five; Austria, five for the empire and four for the Italian provinces; Spain, eleven, besides sixty crosses; the Two Sicilies, five; the Grand Duchy of Hesse, four; the Roman States, five and a military cross; Hanover, two; Belgium, two, counting the iron cross; Saxe Coburg Gotha, Saxe-Meinigin, and Saxe-Altenburg, have one between them; Brunswick and Saxe Weimar, one each; the Netherlands, five; Portugal, six; France, one, and a military medal—the revolution of July swept away five orders; the Ionian Isles, Parma, and Lucca, one each;

Greece, two; Nassau, three; England, four.

The first of the Prussian orders is the Black Eagle. When Frederick I, while yet a prince, founded it, he denominated it the Order of Generosity, and those who obtain it rank as lieutenant generals. The ribbon is of orange color, and the cross has four blue enamelled branches. In Baden the military order of merit is difficult to obtain ; for, if solicited, the decoration is never bestowed. In Russia, the two grand orders are those of St. Andrew, founded by Peter I, and distributed for the first time immediately after the Streilitz massacre, and the order of St. George. The former is equivalent to a lieutenant general's position; the latter is given only to those who have captured a vessel, a battery, or a difficult position To obtain the first class it is necessary to have gained a battle, and but two foreigners have had this honor-Wellington and Blucher. The Emperors Alexander I and Nicholas wore only crosses of the third class. The order of St. Vladimir is given to savans and artists.

Russia has also dignitees for women. The order of St. Catharine, over which the Empress presides, was founded by Peter I, to honor his wife's conduct at the battle of Pruth. The decoribbon, with the motto "For Love and Fatherland." It is a " delicious toilette ornament." The King of Sweden has the order of Gustavns Vasa for husbandmen. In England each Knight of the Thistle pays chancery fees to the amount of \$1740; that of the Bath, \$1415; and that of St. Patrick, \$875; these, with the order of the Garter, constitute the English grades of knighthood. There is in Spain an order for ladies-the royal Order of Queen Maria Louisa, instituted by Charles IV. -a cross with eight points, in blue and white ribbon, always suspended from the neek. Austria has also an order for the ladies-that of the Starry Cross-which is worn on the left side with a black ribbon; and Spain has another order for them, carried in the bracelet; but it is reserved for the ladies who formed part of the junta of women at Cadiz, in the revolutionary war.

The Emperor Don Pedro I has created in Brazil the Order of the Rose, instituted on the occasion of his marriage with the Princess Amelia of Leuchtenberg. Fverything pertaining to this order is roseate—the ribbon and the six-pointed star are encompassed with roses; the plate of the great dignitaries represents a bouquet of roses; and the grand cross is worn in a chain of enamelled roses. It is not, however, an order of gallantry, but of civil and military merit .- Boston Transcript.

A Curious Fish. A letter from Bermuda says that "a most singular fish, of the Gymnetrus genus, answering in a very remarkable degree to the accounts of the Sea Serpent frequently given to the world by nautical men, was captured at Hungary Bay, on the south side of these islands, on the 22d inst." How near this singular fish coincides with " the accounts

of a Sea Serpent frequently given to the world by nautical men," will be learned by a perusal of the following description, published in the Bermudian, which was furnished by "one of the gentlemen who discovered and secured this great icthvological specimen :" "Its color was a bright and shining silver. This brilliant covering of the skin was, from the struggling of the animal, scattered in great profusion about the place. The skin had a rough, warty feeling to the touch, but was destitute of any scales. There was a dorsal fin running nearly the

whole length of the creature, composed of short,

slender rays, united by a transparent membrane,

and separated at intervals of less than an inch; in

other words, the slight back fin had a number of

regular gaps in it. It had a curiously shaped

head, the like of which we have not seen in any of

the numerous illustrations of icthyology we have

examined. From a drawing which is now before us, (for we had not the good fortune to see the creature itself) the conformation of the head, in profile, is not unlike that of a dog. There is a distinctly defined forehead, with a projecting month. The eyes large, flat, and exceedingly brilliant. It had very small pectoral fins, and minute ventral fins proceeding from the thorax. It had large gills but was, we are told, destitute of teeth. But its most remarkable feature was a beautiful crestal appendage, consisting of eight long spines, of rich red color, which sprang from the top of the head, commencing at the frontal edge of the forehead and following each other singly about an inch apart, the three first of these spines being connected half-way upwards from the cranial covering by a gauzy filament, but all the rest were wholly des-

titute of any membraneous appendage. These

delicate crestal spines, which the creature had the

power to raise or depress at pleasure, were of ir-

regular lengths-the longest, growing from about

the centre of the top of the head, being three feet

in length, and the rest ranging from eighteen

inches to two and a half feet. The larger number of these appendages were flattened at the extreme end, somewhat like the tip of a spear. The length of this singular inhabitant of the briny world was sixteen feet seven inches from the front edge of the lips to the end of the tail. It the top of the back, at about one-third of its length from five to six inches, at the same distance from the head. Thence the body tapered gradually until it terminated in a bluntish point of about half an inch in diameter-the tail having no finny or

any other appendage."-Exch. KNOW NOTHINGS .- This organization, it is said dates farther back than the Masonic fraternity. Absalom was the head or leader of the first party.

See 2 Samuel xv. 11:-"And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, that were called, and they went in their simplicity, and they knew not anything."

The Siamese Twins are still living in Surrey country, North Carolina; at a late "revival," the wife of Chang was baptized. Chang and Eng seemed to be much concerned for themselves. and requested an interest in the prayers of the